THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA), (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) A complaint was received regarding the selection for the post of Director in the Natonal Mineral Development Corporation Limited and it was found that the selection was made in accordance with the established selection policy and procedure. The PESB is a recommendatory body for making re commendalions to Government in respect of appointments in Board-level positions in public Sector Enterprises. The selection process is an ongoing activity. During the past six months, ending January 1991, the PESB made recommendations in about 75 cases relating to selection for Board-level positions in various public Sector Enterprises_

Atomic power plant in Kerala

230. SHRl M, A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is present position of the proposed Atomic power Plant in Kerala; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) There is no plan, at present, to set up a nuclear power plant in Kerala. However the Kerala Government have proposed five sites in Kerala for possible location of a nuclear power plant in future'. These are being examined by a Technical Committee constituted by the Department of Atomic Energy. The Committee has not yet completed its assessment. The question does not arise at this stage.

Exploitation of harijan girls in the Social Welfare Department Hostel *at* Narayankhed Andhra Pradesh

231. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether reports have been received about sexual exploitation of harijan girls I in the Social Welfare Department Hostel at Nareyankhed in the Medak District of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the State Government has been asked to take stringent action against those involved in this scandal; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTTR OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN). (a) and CM Yes, Sir.

(c) The matter has been referred **to** the Chief Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh, for a thorough enquiry into the alleged incidents. Report of the State Government is awaited.

Warning system for cyclones and Floods

232. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the sys tern of giving warning for Cyclones and floods for 3-4 days in advance; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to improve the system and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) The India Meteorological Department (IMD) is the nodal agency for providing cyclone warnings in India. Cyclone warnings are provided by monitoring the movement of the cyclones with the help of conventional observations, high power cyclone detection radars, INSAT Statellite and then forecasting the path and intensity of cyclones. The cyclone warning are provided in two stages. In the first stage, a "Cyclone alert" is issued, 48 hours in advance of commencement of adverse whether along